

***SPECIAL PRESENTATION AND LEARNING OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS***  
**2019 EASTERN EVALUATION RESEARCH SOCIETY (EERS) CONFERENCE**

***Adapt! Evaluators in a Changing World***

**May 5 – 7, 2019**  
**Seaview Hotel and Golf Club in Galloway, New Jersey**

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**The Eastern Evaluation Research Society (EERS)** is very pleased to invite undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in at *least two courses per semester for the 2018-2019 academic year* to submit proposals for presentations at the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual EERS Conference. **EERS**, a local affiliate of the **American Evaluation Association**, has provided evaluators in the Northeast with opportunities for sharing expertise, learning and networking for forty years. EERS is committed to encouraging students to build their professional skills through full participation in a professional conference and opportunities to present their work as developing evaluators.

As the world changes, the practice of program evaluation becomes increasingly complex. The interdisciplinary nature of the evaluation field is continually challenged by the need to develop new methods for studying complex adaptive systems, to identify new strategies for bridging different perspectives about truth and the use of information, and in ultimately translating the knowledge gained from evaluation into meaningful action. While our field has grown in recent decades, so too have related disciplines that build evidence and produce knowledge for society. Within this context, evaluators maintain a clear purpose and process to remain relevant and credible in an ever-changing and evolving world. Join EERS in 2019 as we discuss how the evaluation profession continues to adapt. For further description of the theme, please see visit the EERS website.

**Student Opportunities at the 2019 Conference:**

- **Experience** presenting at a professional conference among professional and academic practicing evaluators --- get to meet and know fellow evaluators and experts.
- **Explore** common challenges, celebrate successes, network with student and professional peers, and contribute to improving knowledge across the field.
- A special Student Poster Session will be held during the main Monday reception to provide students with the opportunity to discuss evaluation methods and/or findings in a less formal setting. Poster presenters will receive **\$100 stipends**. *Again, please note that while other individuals may contribute to a session, only the individual proposer will receive a stipend.*
- The top three student proposals on evaluation methods and/or findings will be selected for oral presentations that will be integrated into concurrent program sessions with professional evaluators. These three individuals will also receive a **\$400 stipend**. *Please note that while other individuals may contribute to a session, only the individual proposer will receive a stipend.*
- The **registration fee will be waived for all students selected for poster or oral presentations, which includes all** plenary session meals and evening receptions. *Please note that hotel accommodations are NOT covered for presenters. Presenters should contact the conference hotel to make reservations.*

This opportunity is designed to supplement your learning through attendance and presentation. All individuals selected to present poster or oral presentations are expected to register for and attend the full conference. *Incomplete participation could result in your stipend being withdrawn.*

Please visit the EERS website at [www.eers.org](http://www.eers.org) to learn more about the conference theme and procedures for submitting a student presentation proposal. **The submission deadline is Saturday, December 15, 2018** and notification of acceptance will be made by the end of January 2019.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOU JOINING US AT THE 2019 EERS CONFERENCE!**

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